

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 63

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 14

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 63—Relative to the Lt. Leonard B. “Larry” Estes and Deputy William R. “Bill” Hunter Memorial Highway.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 63, Keene. Lt. Leonard B. “Larry” Estes and Deputy William R. “Bill” Hunter Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate Highway 149 in Butte County as the Lt. Leonard B. “Larry” Estes and Deputy William R. “Bill” Hunter Memorial Highway. The measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost for appropriate signs showing that special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering the cost, to erect those signs.

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Leonard B. “Larry” Estes was born June 10, 1940, and died in the line of duty July 26, 2001; and

WHEREAS, Lt. Estes joined the Butte County Sheriff’s Department in 1973, worked in patrol for 12 years, and at the Butte Interagency Narcotics Task Force for four years; and

WHEREAS, Lt. Estes was promoted to sergeant in 1991 and transferred to investigation in 1994. A year later he was promoted to lieutenant and named chief deputy coroner; and

WHEREAS, In 1998, Lt. Estes was promoted to assistant sheriff; the highest nonelected position in the department; and

WHEREAS, Lt. Estes was the husband of Carolyn Estes and father to Brian, Jennifer, and Darren; and

WHEREAS, Lt. Estes is remembered as a man with a wonderful sense of humor and who leaves a legacy of honor with the department; and

WHEREAS, Deputy William R. “Bill” Hunter was born November 10, 1974, and died in the line of duty on July 26, 2001; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Hunter joined the Butte County Sheriff’s Department in 1998 and had been selected to join the K-9 team; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Hunter was the husband of Holly Hunter, the son of Tom and Barbara Hunter, and the brother of Richard and Kevin Hunter; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Hunter is remembered as a generous, kind, and giving man who treated everyone with respect, and who believed in the honor and the code of law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Lt. Leonard B. “Larry” Estes and Deputy William R. “Bill” Hunter were tragically killed by gunfire in the line of duty on July 26, 2001,

when they were ambushed by a suspect in the Inskip area of Paradise Ridge; and

WHEREAS, It would be a fitting tribute to the bravery and dedication of these fallen heroes who were called to make the ultimate sacrifice in the service of the community to name Highway 149 in Butte County as the Lt. Leonard B. “Larry” Estes and Deputy William R. “Bill” Hunter Memorial Highway; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby designates Highway 149 in Butte County as the Lt. Leonard B. “Larry” Estes and Deputy William R. “Bill” Hunter Memorial Highway; and be it further

Resolved, That the Department of Transportation is requested to determine the cost of erecting the appropriate signs, consistent with the signing requirements of the state highway system, showing this special designation, and upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering the cost, to erect those signs; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the author for appropriate distribution.